Functions of the Group:

The main functions of the Advisory Group would be to advise the Industry Minister on all matters concerning the development and alround efficient functioning of Central Public Sector Enterprises. The Group is also to consider various aspects of operation of public enterprises and make suitable recommendations, from time to time, for consideration of the Industry Minister.

Public Sector Investment in Orissa

1551. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total Central Public Sector Investment in Orissa till date;

(b) what is the annual turnover of these undertakings, their profits and losses and their permanent and temporary employees; and

(c) what is the new investment proposed in the public sector by the Central Government in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) The investment of Central public enterprises in terms of Gross Block in Orissa as on 31-3-1986 is Rs. 4070.72 crores.

(b) Presumably the Hon'ble Member wants to know the turnover, profit/loss and total number of employees in the Central public sector undertakings which have their registered offices situated in Orissa. These details for 1985-86 are given below:—

(*Rs. in lakhs.*)

	Annual turnover	Net profit (+) loss(—)	Number of employees.
1. National Aluminium Co. Ltd.	Under Construction		2362
2. Neelachal Ispat Nigam Ltd.	Under Construction		73
3. Orissa Drugs and Chemicals Ltd.	155	(+)1	85
TOTAL :	155	(+)1	2520

(c) The 7th Five Year Plan provides for an outlay of Rs. 2244.89 crores for Central industrial and mineral projects (excluding coal, power and petroleum) in Orissa. The outlay covers investment both in the existing projects and on new schemes.

Investment by NRI companies in thermal power projects in Karnataka

1552. SHRI VEERSHETTY MOGLAPPA KUSHNOOR: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that the statement issued by the Karnataka Chief Minister on his return from the recent visit to the countries in Europe and America that the NRI Companies and foreign companies were interested in investing on two thermal projects in Karnataka; and

(b) if so, the names of the NRI Companies and Foreign Companies and the amount they are willing to invest on these power projects and whether Government have taken any decision in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.